

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following replacement paragraph.

In the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 7:

B<sup>1</sup> Here, the deflection lens device 63 acts on the beams 73 and 75 such that they are each deflected in the intermediate image plane 59 by an angle  $\alpha$ . As a result, the beam bundles 73, 75 do not entirely meet in the image plane 31. Merely beam bundle 75 which emerged in the object plane 27 from the optical axis, i.e., at an image height of 0 mm, combines on the image plane 31 (intersection point A in FIG. 6). The beam bundle 73, however, which emerged in the object plane 27 at an image height of 12 mm, combines about 1 mm in front of the image plane 31 at an intersection point B in FIG. 6.